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JAPANESE IMMERSION AT RICHMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

# Richmond Shinbun

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Dear Richmond Families,

We've had a wonderful start to 2007 with the installation of our new playground structure, courtesy of a dedicated group of volunteers who weathered rain, wind and deep mud to get the structure in place December 29th and 30th. Please extend your appreciation to these hardworking volunteers, pictured below in order from left to right!

David Hill, Gary Kuney, Doug Peters, Will Scheuermann, Paul Gilles, Laurent Avonstondt, Peter Coonradt, Darell Duffy, and Dustin Klinger

I'd also like to thank our PTA leadership for their coordination of this playground project. Kristina Kallen, PTA president; Satoko Moran, Treasurer; and Kim Tanada, Secretary have put in an endless amount of time raising funds, tracking money, thanking donors, etc. I also want to thank Katy Wolk-Stanley for her tireless fundraising during the spring and summer. We would not have this beautiful new playground without the collective work of these folks. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

We also just received a very generous gift from a new company located in our neighborhood. Urban Development Partners (UD+P) sent us a check for \$2,500 for the next phase of our playground project. They also sent a check for \$2,500 for Richmond's Foundation. Please join me in thanking Urban Development Partners (UD+P) for their support of our school program!

Fondly,

Kathryn Anderson, principal



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*Board of Education Policy 1.80.020-P*

# Wanted: Intern Host Families!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday! It is hard to believe that it is again time to look for host families for another group of interns joining the JMP community. This time, there will be 13 interns arriving in March to work with our children for until next March: one for Grant, two for Mt. Tabor and ten for Richmond (two interns for Pre-K, K, and 1st grade and one each for 2nd-5th grades).

A big thank you to all the current and past host families for their generous hospitality and help with the interns! We are so lucky to have these wonderful interns helping our teachers and children. Host families are absolutely critical for making their stay in Portland wonderful and memorable.

**PLEASE CONSIDER HAVING AN INTERN FOR 4 MONTHS.** Hosting an intern is a very good way to support our schools and the JMP program. An intern can be a wonderful addition to your family. Your child/children will benefit from having a native Japanese speaker at home, from exposure to linguistic, social and cultural aspects. Many host families find themselves establishing life long friendships with their interns, some even visiting them in Japan! All in all, it is well worth adding a temporary family member.

Let me know if you are interested, and do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

**Masako Wieber**  
Oya No Kai intern support  
503-281-0956  
masako.w@comcast.net



# Wealth of Cultural Events in Jan.—Feb.

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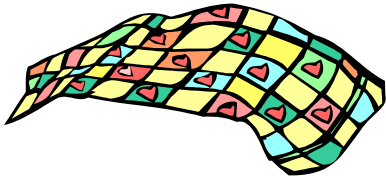
We are so fortunate to live in a city with a wide variety of cultural art experiences suitable for the whole family. Here's a list of some of our favorite experiences for you and your family to enjoy in the weeks ahead:

## Saturday, January 13

New Years Celebration at the Japanese Garden 1-3:00 PM

## Sunday, January 14—February 25

*What Remains: Art Quilts & Poetry on Japanese Americans in Internment Camps*, located at the Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center at 121 NW 2nd Ave. Tues.—Sat. at 11-3:00 and Sun. at 12-3:00 PM.



## Friday, January 26

Portland Taiko assembly at Richmond for students in grades 3-5. *Is That Thunder?* starts at 1:00 PM in the cafeteria. Parents and siblings welcome to attend.

## Saturday, January 27

Oregon's Poet Laureate, Lawson Fusao Inada, hosts a jazz and spoken word concert, *Sentimental Journey*, at the First Unitarian Church (SW 12th and Main) in downtown

Portland. Concert starts at 8:00 PM and tickets are available by calling 503-774-2511 or via email at [nwrtmgt@bigplanet.com](mailto:nwrtmgt@bigplanet.com) Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for seniors and students.

## Sunday, January 28

Mochitsuki 2007 at PCC Sylvania Campus from 12:00-4:00 PM. Performances at 1:00 and 3:15 PM. Richmond will have a booth at the festival and our kindergarteners will perform at 12:10 PM.

## Saturday, February 3

Setsuban—Beginning of Spring!

## Saturday, February 17

Day of Remembrance—Civil Rights program presented by the Japanese American Citizen's League entitled *Fighting for our Rights in an Era of Terror* 1:00—3:00 PM

## Sunday, February 18

Jake Shimabukuro concert in Hood River, Oregon at 4:00 PM

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## Richmond Kindergarteners Perform at Mochitsuki

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Richmond kindergarteners are going to perform at the community stage at Mochitsuki. The time will be at 12:10 pm. Please join us at Mochitsuki for this wonderful performance.

Richmond will also have a booth to display information about our program in preparation for Portland Public Schools' transfer process beginning February 3-March 23, 2007. Please look for our booth!

## Please Check Richmond's Lost & Found!

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Wondering where your child put that special sweatshirt, fleece jacket or down-filled coat? Chances are VERY good that all those lost items can be found in Richmond's Lost & Found!

Where's the Lost & Found at Richmond? You'll find it in the breeze-way between the cafeteria and the main building. As you walk toward the main building from the cafeteria, look to the left side of the double doors just before climbing the two steps leading toward the double staircase. **Unclaimed clothing is sent to the Portland PTA's Clothes Closet at the end of every month.**



## Distribution of Materials Notice to Families

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Occasionally, we send notices home with students about student activities from non-school groups. The district also maintains a website listing additional non-school activities.

Go to [www.pps.k12.or.us](http://www.pps.k12.or.us) and click on Non-School Activities for Youth. Then click on the words Electronic Display Area to see the list of events, classes, and activities. Please note that the groups providing this information are not endorsed or sponsored by Portland Public Schools. District policy prohibits discrimination on the basis of age, color, creed, disability, marital status,

national origin, race, religion, sex, and sexual orientation. BP 1.80.020. Not all outside groups comply with the District's non-discrimination policy. Families are strongly encouraged to review all materials closely.

Rudy Rudolph, Director of School Support  
916-3367, [brudolph@pps.k12.or.us](mailto:brudolph@pps.k12.or.us)

## P. T. A. News!

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**Book Fair Huge Success!!!** Many thanks to all of you who worked at our book fair and who purchased books and merchandise. Because of you, we were able to make \$4263.39!!! This is an increase of \$1000 over last fall's book fair and \$2000 more than the spring book fair. This translates in \$1187.22 in profit for our library as well as earning us \$183 in free books for the library. Great job book lovers!!!

**Craft Fair Outstanding:** Heartfelt thanks to everyone for working so hard to make our craft fair such a fun, family event! It was an evening of creativity and joy for children and parents alike. Special thanks to Suzanne Munro and Sarah Stephens for chairing the event. They are so courageous and energetic!!!

**Christmas Tree/Bake Sale Great Fun:** Our 2nd annual Christmas tree sale at Figgy Pudding Farms owned by the Reid family was a "warm fuzzy" event if there ever was one! Everyone was happily drinking hot chocolate and apple cider while looking for the perfect tree. And the goodies made by our tremendous Richmond bakers were a HUGE hit! Everything went quickly and was delicious!!! Please watch future newsletters for a grand total of the day's events.

Kristina Kallen, PTA President

## Celebrate! Portland Public Schools at Expo Center

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On Saturday, February 3, the fun returns. Celebrate! Portland Public Schools enters its fourth year with a new home, at the Portland Expo Center, expanded resource options, and parent workshops. Join parents, teachers, community members, and district staff in showcasing the quality programs Portland Public Schools has to offer. Visit your neighborhood school, or check out one of the many focus options. Discover school and community resources available to you. Listen to student performances and view a collection of student artwork. Seminars on enrollment and transfer, kindergarten readiness, and school involvement will provide families important information all in an enjoyable and upbeat atmosphere with free shuttles, interpretation services, and childcare for kids four and older.



Join in the Celebration! 10:00am – 3:00pm, Saturday, February 3, at the Portland Expo Center. For more information call 503-919-3304.

## Seven Important Auction Tidbits

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- 1). Oya No Kai/Richmond PTA auction is **February 9, 2007 at 5:30pm**. Have you marked your calendar? Watch for your invitation in early January.
- 2). With two months to go prior to auction, we have procured donations worth approximately \$32,000. Our goal is to procure \$100,000 by January 12, 2007.
- 3). For a successful auction, we need everyone to continue procuring through the holidays. Remember that you can **download procurement forms** on the auction website [www.oyanokai.org/auction07](http://www.oyanokai.org/auction07)
- 4). We need a few confident individuals to procure specific things to complete oral auction packages. Call Melanie or Jody for details.
- 5). We are selling ad space in our auction catalog. Consider advertising your business or placing a photo of your child. Ads can be in color or black and white. See the attached form for details.
- 6). We are recruiting volunteers for many jobs on Auction Day. Can you help? Contact auction volunteer coordinator, Karen Alexander at 503-771-4658 or [karen.alexander@comcast.net](mailto:karen.alexander@comcast.net)
- 7). Our wonderful auction website has information on silent auction items, oral auction items, special events and more. Check it out at [www.oyanokai.org/auction07](http://www.oyanokai.org/auction07)

Volunteering and Procuring with you,

Jody Little and Melanie Scheuermann,  
Auction 2007 Co-chairs  
[littlej@qwest.net](mailto:littlej@qwest.net) 503-232-4782  
[wmdrj@quik.com](mailto:wmdrj@quik.com) 503-775-2865





## **Here is your chance to advertise!**

Do you have a business you would like to promote?  
Do you have a special message and photo of your child?  
Do you have a special Thank You or other acknowledgment?

Don't miss out!

We have Business Card, Half Page and Full Page ad space available in our  
*2007 Our Dreams Take Flight Auction* catalog.

***Prime Ad Space is available! Grab your Full Page spot on the  
Inside Front Cover, Center Spread or Inside Back Cover.  
Inquire for pricing and availability.***

**The deadline for ad submission is Friday, January 12, 2007.**

For questions regarding Ad Sales and Payment,  
contact Raschel Barton at [vicious\\_cycle@earthlink.net](mailto:vicious_cycle@earthlink.net) or (503) 929-3027.

For information about Catalog Production and Design,  
contact Kim Tanada at [ktanada@verizon.net](mailto:ktanada@verizon.net) or (503) 804-9991.

**CATALOG AD SALES FORMS ARE AVAILABLE  
ON THE TABLE IN FRONT OF THE OFFICE.**

## 2007 Our Dreams Take Flight Auction Catalog Ad Sales

Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Last name: \_\_\_\_\_ First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Business name: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>B/W Ad</u>		<u>2/c Ad</u>	
___ Full Page (4" x 7-1/2")	\$150	___ Full Page (4" x 7-1/2")	\$172
___ Half Page (4" x 3-1/2")	\$75	___ Half Page (4" x 3-1/2")	\$86
___ Business Card (2" x 3-1/2")	\$35	___ Business Card (2" x 3-1/2")	\$40

<u>4/c Ad</u>		Is this ad for student acknowledgement? _____
___ Full Page (4" x 7-1/2")	\$187	(If yes, you will receive a 10% discount)
___ Half Page (4" x 3-1/2")	\$93	
___ Business Card (2" x 3-1/2")	\$43	
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT REMITTED</b>		
<i>(minus discount, if applicable) :</i>		\$ _____

### Artwork Submission

- All artwork must be submitted NO LATER than Friday, January 12, 2007.
- All ads should be built non-bleed and submitted in PDF format. Please double check correct sizing before submitting.
- If sending in photos to be scanned, please label them with your contact info if you would like them returned after the catalog is printed.
- Electronic files accepted. Please email final PDF files to [ktanada@verizon.net](mailto:ktanada@verizon.net).
- All other files can be dropped off into the Auction box in Richmond's Office to the attention of Kim Tanada.

Please remit payment with this form. Make checks payable to: *Oya No Kai, Inc.*

Credit cards (Visa/ Mastercard) also accepted:

Credit card number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_

Name on credit card: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

For additional information contact Raschel \_\_\_\_\_, Ad Sales, at \_\_\_\_\_  
or Kim Tanada, Catalog Design, at [ktanada@verizon.net](mailto:ktanada@verizon.net) or (503) 804-9991.



## Portland Public Schools

## CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 8-31, 2007

### JAPANESE IMMERSION AT RICHMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Portland, OR 97214  
Phone: 503-916-6220  
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Website: [www.richmondjmp.org](http://www.richmondjmp.org)

### Japanese Magnet Program

**Richmond office hours  
are 7:30 AM—4:00 PM**

- Mon. Jan. 8 Scrip order day  
Site Council Mtg. 2:30-4:30 PM
- Fri. Jan. 12 Kindergarten to the Children's Museum 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM  
Scrip pick up day
- Sun. Jan. 14 Exhibit at Nikkei Legacy Center 12-3 PM (see page 3 for details)
- Mon. Jan. 15 **NO SCHOOL**—Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Mon. Jan. 22 Scrip order day
- Wed. Jan. 24 Young Players Beginning Acting Class begins at 2:20-3:20 PM
- Fri. Jan. 26 Assembly for grades 3-5: Taiko, Is That Thunder at 1:00 PM  
Scrip pick up day
- Sat. Jan. 27 Lawson Inada's jazz and spoken word concert at First Unitarian Church (SW 12th and Main); see page 3 for details
- Sun. Jan. 28 Mochitsuki 2007 at PCC Sylvania Campus 12-4:00 PM
- Mon. Jan. 29 Switch Day! Morning and afternoon classes switch.
- Wed. Jan. 31 **NO SCHOOL**—Professional Development Day



11TH ANNUAL JAPANESE AMERICAN NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

# Mochitsuki2007

Sunday, Jan. 28, 2007 • Portland Community College Sylvania Campus (12000 SW 49th Avenue, Portland)  
FREE PARKING • TRIMet routes 44 & 78 • Latest schedule and info at [www.oregonnikkei.org](http://www.oregonnikkei.org) or (971) 226-3571

## MOCHI DO ABOUT NOTHING

Performances at 1:00 PM & 3:15 PM  
Performing Arts Center

Featuring

### LAWSON INADA

Poet Laureate of Oregon

### PORTLAND TAIKO

Asian American drum performance group

### ROBERT KIKUCHI-YNGOJO

Internationally renowned storyteller

### TANUKI TAIKO

### FUJINAMI-KAI

Dance

### SAHOMI TACHIBANA

Dance

Admission

Adults \$12, Students/Srs \$9, Children \$5  
Includes admission to the Cultural Fair

Tickets from Brown Paper Tickets  
1-800-838-3006 or [BrownPaperTickets.com](http://BrownPaperTickets.com)  
Tickets are subject to convenience charge  
All Ticket Sales final

## CULTURAL FAIR

Noon to 4:00 PM, College Center  
Suggested donation of \$2 for adults & \$1 for children

## MOCHI POUNDING SUSHI & JAPANESE SNACKS

## IKEBANA

## ICE CARVING

## CALLIGRAPHY

Hands on activities for all ages

## COMMUNITY STAGE PERFORMANCES

Sponsored by

Japanese American Citizens League • Portland Taiko  
Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center  
Portland Community College Multicultural Center

Supported by

Nikkei Jin Kai • Japan America Society of Oregon  
The Consulate General of Japan